

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 12, 2004, Applicant elects the species of Group II relating to the lattice assembly. Claims 3-10 read on the elected species.

Applicant respectfully submits, however, that all of the species defined by Groups I-VI are limited to form a single generic concept as set forth in generic claim 1.

As noted by the Examiner, the special technical feature is the lattice assembly disposed beneath the primary supports extending across the vessel. This feature is not shown in U.S. Patent 4,195,064. Primary support beams 15 support grid 3. The beams 15 are supported on vertical support columns 13 via rocker plates 17. Columns 13 extend the length of the vessel. The grids are, therefore, supported "above" primary supports 15.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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